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E-Legislative Update

February 20 – 26, 2012



We are about half way through the regular legislative session. Many legislators are hosting town halls in their districts to gain feedback from their constituents. You may have an opportunity to connect in person or over the phone with your member. A compiled list of upcoming town halls is [here](#).

On February 17th, the caseload and general fund forecast updates will be released impacting the development of the state's budget. Legislative leaders in the House and Senate are expected to come out with proposed budgets. When available, you may view the House and Senate proposals [here](#).

You have an opportunity to testify on a bill. If you cannot appear before a committee, [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

Education

Higher Education

02/20/12 1:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm C
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Work Session: Next Steps for Washington's Higher Education System: Key challenges and opportunities.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

02/20/12 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing:

1. [ESHB 2586](#) - Phasing-in statewide implementation of the Washington kindergarten inventory of developing skills.
2. [2SHB 2448](#) - Creating the high-quality early learning act. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Higher Education & Workforce Development

02/21/12 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 3
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [2SHB 2717](#) - Creating innovations in higher education.

Early Learning & K-12 Education

02/22/12 8:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 2617](#) - Regarding school district financial insolvency.

Health and Human Services

Transportation

02/20/12 3:30 pm

House Full Committee
House Hearing Rm B
John L. O'Brien Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [ESSB 6150](#) - Addressing the driver's license, permit, and identicard system, including the administration of a facial recognition matching system.

Financial Institutions, Housing & Insurance

02/21/12 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 2640](#) - Emphasizing cost-effectiveness in the housing trust fund.

Judiciary

02/22/12 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 1
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [SHB 2177](#) - Protecting children from sexual exploitation.

Economic Development

Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections

02/21/12 1:30 pm

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [2SHB 2452](#) - Centralizing the authority and responsibility for the development, process, and oversight of state procurement of goods and services.

State Government

Government Operations, Tribal Relations & Elections

02/20/12 10:00 am

Senate Full Committee
Senate Hearing Rm 2
J.A. Cherberg Building
Olympia, WA

Public Hearing: [HB 2138](#) - Establishing national Korean war veterans armistice day.

Information is current as of: February 16, 2012.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.

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